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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Leushner et al.

Application No.: 09/802,110

Filed: March 7, 2001

For: METHOD, COMPOSITIONS AND KIT FOR
DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF
MICROORGANISMS

Examiner: Cynthia B. Wilder

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF FINAL REJECTION AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

Applicant submits the following Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection Response to Office Action, in response to the final Office Action, mailed August 29, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expired on November 29, 2005. This response is being filed within two-months of the mailing date of the Office Action, and therefore is entitled to receive benefit of the extended shortened statutory period provided under 37 CFR 1.136(a). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the remarks set forth herein.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.



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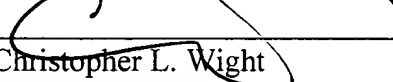
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1. Transmittal Letter and Certificate of Mailing (1 page);
2. Request for Reconsideration of Final Rejection and Response to Office Action (12 pages); and
3. PTO Return Postcard Receipt

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